

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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FIXATION OF PRICES BY FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have fixed different prices of wheat and rice for BPL, APL and for export purposes;
- (b) if so, the criteria on the basis of which the prices have been fixed for different categories; and
- (c) the prices of wheat and rice fixed different categories at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice for BPL and APL categories have been fixed at about 48% and about 70% of economic cost respectively in order to liquidate surplus stocks in the Central Pool and with a view to increase offtake of the foodgrains under Public Distribution System. Export prices of wheat and rice are fixed, keeping in view the international prices, freight charges and surplus stock position in the country.

(c): At present, the Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice for BPL and APL categories are :-

(Rs. per Quintal)

Commodity BPL APL

Wheat 415 610
Rice

(i) Common 565 795+

(ii) Grade`A` 565 830

+ Applicable to Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, North East States, Sikkim and Uttaranchal.

The current export prices of wheat and rice are as follows:-

Commodity Rs. per MT

Wheat 4200
Rice

(i) Raw 5650

(ii) Par-boiled 6000